No.	16-30213	

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

STEVEN DOUGLAS ROCKETT,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Oregon Portland Division No. 3:13-cr-00557-SI The Honorable Michael H. Simon, Judge

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PORTLAND DIVISION

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Plaintiff,

DEFENDANT'S TRIAL MEMORANDUM

VS.

STEVEN DOUGLAS ROCKETT,

Defendant.

COMES NOW defendant, STEVEN DOUGLAS ROCKETT, by and through his attorneys, Chelsea B. Payment and Andrew D. Coit, of Cohen & Coit P.C., and submits the following trial memorandum:

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Steven Rockett is charged with two counts of International Travel and Engaging in Illicit Sexual Conduct with a Minor in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2423(c) and (e), six counts of Producing of Child Pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) and (e), and one count of Possession of Child Pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. 2252A(a)(5)(B) and (b)(2).

Mr. Rockett was indicted in this case on November 19, 2013. Mr. Rockett stood trial in Washington County Circuit Court for the State of Oregon on February 18, 2015 and was PAGE 1—DEFENDANT'S TRIAL MEMORANDUM

convicted of numerous offenses relating to sexual abuse of children. State of Oregon vs. Steven Douglas Rockett, Washington County Case Numbers: C131929CR, and C132673CR. These cases are on direct appeal. Mr. Rockett is currently in custody serving a fifty-two (52) year sentence in the Oregon Department of Corrections.

The case is scheduled for a jury trial to begin on May 16, 2016. Defendant anticipates a seven-day trial.

OVERVIEW OF PRIMARY TESTIMONY

Defense expert, Joel Brillhart, C.F.C.E. A copy of Mr. Brillhart's C.V. has been submitted as Defendant's Exhibit 115. Mr. Brillhart examined the digital evidence seized from defendant's residence at the Northwest Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (NWRCFL). Mr. Brillhart is expected to testify regarding his analysis of defendant's electronic devices. Potential areas of Mr. Brillhart's testimony are outlined in more detail in defendant's Notice of Expert Witnesses and in Defendant's Exhibits 113 and 114, which were submitted under seal.

Defense expert, Wendy Bourg, Ph.D. Dr. Bourg's C.V. has been submitted as Defendant's Exhibit 117. Dr. Bourg examined the forensic interviews conducted by FBI agents in the Philippines. Dr. Bourg is expected to testify about the effect of direct inducements offered to witnesses in exchange for their testimony in this case. Dr. Bourg also examined the local investigation pertaining to defendant. Dr. Bourg testified at length in State of Oregon vs. Steven Rockett, and her testimony has been submitted under seal as Defendant's Exhibit 116. Dr. Bourg will testify in substantially similar fashion.

Erika Cox, is a former Washington County Sheriff's Office detective. Ms. Cox was the lead detective in the state case, until she resigned in Fall of 2014. Ms. Cox took defendant's statement and the statements of some of the government's witnesses. Former Detective Cox is

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expected to testify about these statements. Former Detective Cox is also expected to testify about circumstances that occurred during the investigation of this case that eventually lead to her resignation from the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Defendant believes this gave former Detective Cox motive to slant the investigation against defendant, and/or testify favorably for the government. Former Detective Cox testified in State of Oregon vs. Steven Rockett, and her testimony has been submitted under seal as Defendant's Exhibits 102-105. Additionally, the Internal Affairs investigation file pertaining to former Detective Cox's alleged misconduct has been submitted under seal as Defendant's Exhibit 101.

Doug Cook, is a former Washington County Sheriff's Office Detective. Mr. Cook is expected to testify about circumstances that occurred during the investigation of this case that eventually lead to former Detective Cox's resignation. Former Detective Cook testified in State of Oregon vs. Steven Rockett, and his testimony has been submitted as Defendant's Exhibit 106.

Detective Robert Rookhuyzen of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Detective Rookhuyzen became the lead detective in the state case after former Detective Erika Cox resigned from the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Detective Rookhuyzen is expected to testify about the circumstances of the investigation of defendant that took place in Oregon. Detective Rookhuyzen is also expected to testify about the circumstances of former Detective Cox's resignation.

Sergeant Ryan Spang of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Spang is expected to testify about circumstances that occurred during the investigation of this case that eventually lead to former Detective Cox's resignation. Sergeant Spang testified in Steven Rockett, and his testimony has been submitted as Defendant's Exhibit 107.

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Sergeant Kelly Jones of the Washington County Sheriff's Office, professional standards unit. Sergeant Jones conducted the Internal Affairs (IA) investigation of former Detective Erika Cox. Sergeant Jones is expected to testify about the IA investigation of former Detective Cox that occurred during the investigation of this case. Sergeant Jones testified in State of Oregon vs. Steven Rockett, and his testimony has been submitted as Defendant's Exhibit 108. The IA investigation file has been submitted as Defendant's Exhibit 101.

Undersheriff Jeff Mori of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Undersheriff Mori is expected to testify about the concerns he had regarding former Detective Erika Cox and the circumstances that occurred during the investigation of this case that eventually lead to former Detective Cox's resignation. Undersheriff Mori testified in <u>State of Oregon vs. Steven Rockett</u>, and his testimony has been submitted as Defendant's Exhibit 109.

Detective John Shipley of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Detective Shipley was initially the lead investigator in the state case, and again became the lead investigator during the state trial after Detective Rookhuyzen went on vacation. Detective Shipley is expected to testify about the investigation into the allegations against defendant pertaining to alleged victim, N.S.

Christine Rockett is defendant's ex-wife. Ms. Rockett is expected to testify about defendant's and her travels to the Philippines. Ms. Rockett is also expected to testify that the FBI has been placing tremendous pressure on individuals to testify against defendant.

Verne Hoyer conducted private investigation on behalf of defendant in Oregon. Mr. Hoyer may be called as a witness and is expected to testify about the investigation he conducted in Oregon.

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Dave Panter conducted private investigation on behalf of defendant in the Philippines.

Mr. Panter may be called as a witness and is expected to testify about the investigation he conducted in the Philippines.

PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS

Defendant filed in a separate pleading defendant's proposed jury instructions.

MOTIONS IN LIMINE

Defendant has filed in four separate pleadings, the following Motions in Limine:

- 1. Defendant's Motion *in Limine* to Exclude Evidence Recovered from Unallocated Space ("Cache"), Deleted Trash, and RAR Files;
- 2. Defendant's Motion in *Limine* to Exclude Defendant's Prior Convictions and Prior Bad Act Evidence;
- 3. Defendant's Motion *in Limine* to Admit Evidence of Law Enforcement Misconduct; and
 - 4. Defendant's Motion *in Limine* to Limit Materials Exhibited to the Jury.

JUDGMENT OF ACQUITTAL

Defendant anticipates the need to move for judgment of acquittal under Rule 29 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure at the close of the government's case, at the conclusion of evidence and/or after the verdict is rendered. Defendant anticipates many, if not all of the images offered in its case in chief will <u>not</u> depict minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Under defendant's current understanding of the evidence, the only possible manner these materials could fit into the statutory definition of "sexually explicit conduct" would be under 18 U.S.C. 2255(2)(E) ("lascivious exhibition of the genital or pubic area of any person").

STIPULATIONS

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Defendant and the government have stipulated to admissibility of statements made by defendant to law enforcement on or about August 23, 2013 as provided in the Stipulation Regarding Admissibility of Defendant's Statements, ECF 49.

CONCLUSION

Defendant reserves the right to call additional witnesses, file additional motions *in limine* and jury instructions based on the government's trial filings, evidence adduced at trial, and additional legal or factual issues that may arise.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2nd day of May, 2016.

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I hereby certify that on the above-mentioned date, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF System which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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Opening Statement

to see from that camera from the Philippines is Mr. Rockett engaging in consensual homosexual oral sex with an adult male. That's it. That's the sexually explicit conduct you are going to see on that.

I am going to address the jury over here. Can everyone hear me okay? Because I want to show you some of these pictures, because, again, they are critical to the defense. These are still shots that the Government made and provided to the defense for purposes of this case. I am going to show them to you by person.

Okay. That's Mr. Rockett and James Okay, whose current age is about 26. He was 19 or 20 when that photo was taken.

Jerson Ditto.

Jerus Office in the shower apparently when Jerus Office was 19 or 20.

THE COURT: I don't mean to interrupt, but I think you have these photographs 90 degrees off. They are on the side.

MR. COIT: I apologize. I am going to flip through

C. Jumoa-as - D

- A He is my cousin.
- 2 Q How old is he today, if you know?
- 3 \blacksquare A I don't know. Maybe 26 or 27.
 - Q Younger than you?
 - A Yes.

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- Q Did you grow up with him?
- 7 A We grow up in the neighborhood.
- 8 Q Were there times that he would spend with your husband,
- 9 Steven Rockett, when you would visit in the Philippines?
- 10 A I don't remember that he did. I don't remember. But all
- 11 I know is that we are taking a lot of kids a lot of time to the
- 12 mall to eat, to the beach, everywhere.
- 13 Q Whose idea was it to take a lot of kids those places?
- 14 A Steven.
- Q Whose money was spent when you went to places with all
- 16 | those children?
- 17 A His.
- 18 Q Steven's?
- 19 A Steven's money.
- 20 Q Who brought all those kids to the hotel rooms?
- 21 A The kids would ask Steven to go with him. They were
- 22 | always waiting outside my house waiting for Steven. They will
- 23 | have signal -- me go with you to eat or go to the swimming
- 24 pool. They want to go swimming. That's all -- every time --
- 25 | every time we go there, that's all they ask from Steven. They

question that those photographs were lascivious exhibitions of the genitals of those children? Is there any question that Steven Rockett knowingly possessed child pornography?

Members of the jury, throughout the trial we have heard a number of different theories and suggestions from the defense, ways that they tried to explain away the Government's evidence. Those theories don't hold water. They suggest, for example, that hidden cameras, what he calls "nanny cams" are commonplace, and there are numerous, legitimate uses for them. Okay. But hiding them in a bathroom to capture images of children going in and out of the shower and using the toilet is not a legitimate use.

If you want to protect your valuables from theft by using a hidden camera, fine, put the camera where the valuables are. They are not in the bathroom.

Other people, he said, could have used

Steven Rockett's Facebook account to communicate with people.

Well, I suppose it is a possibility, however remote. But who was it that was communicating with everybody over and over and over again? It was Steven Rockett. He was communicating with Charis. He was communicating with Memory. He was communicating with New Memory.

He suggested it may have even been his ex-wife,
Christine, who used his account to communicate with Charis.
But how credible is that? You saw Christine Rockett's

testimony. You saw her on the stand. You heard what she said.

You heard how she said it. Christine Rockett/Christine

Jumoa-as is not particularly clever, and she is not a

particularly convincing liar either.

It is strange belief to think that Christine hacked into Steven Rockett's Facebook account and concocted an entire ongoing continual conversation with Charis, just to frame Steven Rockett, and that she communicated with Garage and that she communicated with Manner and that she communicated with New , especially when you consider Steven Rockett's computer knowledge and his level of sophistication.

This guy is exceedingly paranoid and vigilant about computer security. Look at all the different encryption programs he was running. Look at the disk-wiping systems he used. Four passwords to get through DriveCrypt. Four. Is that the kind of person who is going to allow his ex-wife, with whom he is in a gigantic custody battle, to have access to his Facebook information? Is that credible? Does that hold water?

Then they told you, "Well, the witnesses from the Philippines, you can't believe them." You can't believe them because the FBI pressured them, the FBI paid them off, and their testimony and their statements have changed over time.

Folks, you heard from Special Agent Biehn, who went down there and interviewed those kids. You saw what she is like. She is soft-spoken, a sense of humor. She described

herself as a "recovering attorney." She told you how the interviews went. She described the circumstances under which they were conducted. There were no threats. There were no promises. No raised voices. No pressure. No coercion. She went down there to help to try to identify those children and find out what happened, and that's what she did.

She never promised them a payment. She never promised them anything. Discussions about payment only happened later, over a year later when the FBI went back to the barangay to try to figure out which witnesses would be willing to come to the United States. And what were they promised anyway?

These people who are so poor and so destitute that most of them didn't even have a birth certificate, let alone a passport, let alone the financial means to travel here. They wanted to know, are the travel expenses going to be covered?

The FBI said, "Yeah, we will cover your travel expenses."

expenses, not all of them came. Not all of them came. In fact, M ran away. He ran away from the FBI because he didn't want to come. So to suggest that the FBI somehow bribed and paid off these witnesses to get them here doesn't hold water. What happened when they got here? What happened when they got here? They had to walk into this courtroom and take that witness stand, with a limited command of English and a

translator assisting them, and they had to go sit in that witness box. They had to look at you folks, 14 strangers, and tell you what had happened to them.

They had to tell you what Mr. Rockett had done to them. They had to tell you how they'd been exploited and abused by this American. It wasn't easy. But they did it. They were uncomfortable, but they were courageous. Even the oldest of them had tears in his eyes when he described what happened.

But they told you what they knew. They told you the things that they knew. They told you the things they didn't know. They told you what they remembered. They told you the things that they didn't remember. In the end, it is up to you to determine how much weight to give to their testimony. It is up to you to determine whether they were credible witnesses. You saw them. You heard them. You make the call.

What were they paid, again, for their appearance here? Well, there was the \$40-a-day witness appearance fee, the same fee that is paid to all witnesses, even witnesses subpoenaed by the defendant. They got a \$64 per diem payment for meals and incidental expenses, the same payment that any witness who travels here from out of town would receive, even witnesses subpoenaed by a defendant. And that's it.

They got no extra payment. They got nothing other than the witness fee and the per diem, and we covered the cost

of their transportation. We did help them get birth certificates. They couldn't have come without them. We did help them get passports. They couldn't have come without them. We needed them here to tell you what happened in the Philippines. We couldn't have done that without them.

But were they paid for their testimony? Were they bribed to be here? No. They came here to tell you what happened, and that's what they did. And this was no trip to Disneyland, folks. This was no vacation. They weren't here on a visa. They weren't free to travel. They were under the FBI's auspices the whole time they were here. Everywhere they went there was one at least one FBI agent with them -- even at their hotel. When they went out for meals, when they went to the mall, when they came here to testify, they traveled with the FBI. When they were done testifying, they went right back to the Philippines.

Then a big issue in this case was the dates on the videos from the hidden camera, or at least the defense wants it to be a big deal. But when you sort through all the smoke and mirrors, it really doesn't mean much of anything at all. Their whole argument hinges on several fundamental assumptions, one piled on top of the other.

Assumption No. 1: The June 2008 dates on the files that everybody has been referring to as "the factory videos," that date has to be accurate. Nobody could tell us that that

date was accurate. Nobody knows.

Assumption No. 2. All of the videos had to have been produced by the same device on the same SD card. We don't know that either, because, remember, all of those files were deleted. They were in unallocated space. There were no EXIF data on any of them, so there was no way to determine what device made any of those videos. Nobody can say which hidden camera of the three that we recovered from Mr. Rockett was used to make any of those videos.

Nobody can say where those factory videos were made. Nobody can say definitively when those factory videos were made. Nobody can say if they were put on that SD card before the rest of the videos that were on there. Nobody can say that. When all of those assumptions they are making tumble down, the entire theory about the dates collapse.

But we do know a few things. We do know, for example, that there were two different bathrooms shown in those videos. We do know that in 2007 Steven Rockett stayed at the Park Lane Hotel. We do not know where we stayed for sure during 2010, but wouldn't it make sense that if some of the videos were shot in one bathroom and some were shot in another that they came from different trips?

James Description told you he was with Steven Rockett only once -- only once -- and that was in 2007 when he was about 12 years old. You saw James Description in the video. You saw how old he

looks. He looks like a 12-year-old, not like a 15- or 16-year-old.

Remember also that the shot of J in the bathroom -- the video of him in the bathroom with Steven

Rockett appeared to be the very same bathroom in which

Steven Rockett was receiving oral sex from J -- -
same camera angle, same view, same lighting, same view, same

background, same trip. And if that trip was in 2007,

J was only 16 years old. So when Mr. Rockett

told you in his opening that was consensual homosexual sex with

a consenting adult, no. It was sex with a minor.

We told you at the outset of this case what we were going to prove, and we proved it. We proved that Steven Rockett produced or attempted to produce child pornography in the Philippines fully intending to bring it back here to the United States, and he did so.

We proved that he traveled to the Philippines in 2007 and, while there, engaged in illicit sexual conduct with a minor. We proved that he attempted to produce child pornography using Managery and Hamanagery. We proved that he attempted to do so with Name and that he produced or attempted to produce child pornography with Banagery and Dangery. And finally, we proved that he knowingly possessed child pornography in his Forest Grove home in August of 2013.

In short, members of the jury, we have proved that

Steven Rockett is guilty, guilty of each of the remaining counts of the indictment, Counts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, and that is the verdict that you should return.

"Then and now." Those were the words that

Mr. Maloney used right at the beginning of his opening

statement. "Then and now." And those are the words that I am

going to leave you with, "then and now."

"Then" Steven Rockett produced child pornography in the Philippines. "Then" he engaged in illicit sexual conduct with a minor under 16 in the Philippines. "Then" he produced or attempted can child pornography involving House, , Manager, , and Danger, and Then he knowingly possessed child pornography

And "now"? "Now" it is time to hold him accountable for his actions. "Now" is time to reject his attempts to explain away the Government's evidence and to blame everybody else but himself for what he did. "Now" it is time to tell him that you cannot produce child pornography in another country and bring it back to the United States. "Now" it is time to tell him that it is unacceptable for an American to travel abroad and sexually abuse children there. "Now" it is time to tell him that you cannot attempt to solicit young children to produce sexual explicit images of themselves, nor can you do it yourself -- whether it is with a hidden camera or a big fat Canon in your hand. "Now" is the time to tell him that you

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THE COURT: All right. We are going to bring in the

(Open court; jury not present:)

(Recess.)

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were either adults in the restroom, maids cleaning up

Mr. Rockett's room, Mr. Rockett having consensual sex, who we
believe is an adult.

Now, there are a few images of naked individuals -- adults -- sometimes engaging in consensual sex acts that were captured on this device, but we submit those images are not child pornography. Let's start with Jeruse Office.

and receiving oral sex from Mr. Rockett in the shower.

Obviously it is consensual. Because this device left the factory in 2008, and because these pictures were taken in 2010, and we are talking about Defendant's 123, we know from the testimony that J was around 21 at the time that

Mr. Rockett engaged in consensual sexual acts with him.

We believe that the pictures depicted two different bathrooms, and it sounds like the Government agrees. We disagree that they necessarily came from two different trips. Let's start with the bathroom that has the pink shower curtain on the left side of the picture, okay. We believe that these pictures depict J H and J in Mr. Rockett's hotel room either in 2010 or 2013.

Now, I thought it was interesting the pictures that the Government chose to show you of J H to attempt to show that he was a young child at the time -- or a teenager at the time that this alleged act occurred. I took pictures out

evidence we found because he is so sloppy." They want you to engage in that type of mental gymnastics. We submit that requires you to speculate, that requires you to close loops that the Government failed to close for you, and that requires you to infer things that are not in evidence for these reasons we would also ask you to vote not guilty on Count 9.

Thank you very much for your time. Thank you for listening so closely to the evidence in this case.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Coit.

MR. COIT: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: At this time I'm going invite the Government to deliver rebuttal.

MR. MALONEY: Thank you, Your Honor. May I have a moment to set up the machines here?

Judge Simon, Counsel, members of the jury, I'm not going to shout at you. I'm not going to raise my voice. I am going to speak in a sharp tone or grab the podium. This case is about evidence. This case is about what happened then and what you are about to do now.

These are the charges; these are the acts. Count 1, producing child pornography outside the United States from 2000 to 2013. We know that Steven Douglas Rockett was traveling to Cebu. We he was having contact with multiple children. You heard the evidence. You heard the testimony. You heard the descriptions of what transpired there, the descriptions that

corroborated the account initially provided by

Christine Jumoa-as that day in her lawyer's office, where it

all started with her telling Matt Smith what's been going on in

her family and her concerns.

It was Matt Smith who discovered what the Government submits are the only images of adult pornography that you heard about in this case, and that evidence is important because it puts into context what the defendant's sexual interests are. He was sexually interested of photographs of his wife in the shower. The investigation progressed. They did go overseas. And did the Government work hard in this investigation? You bet. And I will not stand here and apologize for the efforts that these good men and women took to provide justice and voice for children.

They found evidence that the defendant was traveling to the Philippines, in Cebu, and having contact with children, inviting them back to his hotel room. They found that on his computers. They found that in his conversations. They found that in the pictures, in the videos, documented in the hidden cameras.

They found multiple efforts by the defendant in his Facebook messages to induce and enlist children to produce images of child pornography. New Second -- conversations with the defendant -- a kid -- a kid who had lived with him under trying circumstances -- circumstances that -- no,

Mr. Coit, not a criminal mastermind -- a master manipulator used to his own advantage. He knew the unique and particular vulnerabilities that this child had. He knew her troubled home life. He knew her family history. He knew every angle and twisted and turned that kid into knots. He knew he had her. He knew it would be okay if he dumped those kids off at DHS, because he is Steven Rockett. He is the rock star. He can walk around the streets of Cebu with impunity. He did so abroad, and he did so here in our country. And now it is time for you to look at the evidence of that.

The Government submits to you that these stubborn facts will hold true to your scrutiny. Despite the efforts by the defense to thin slice this case, use your common sense, and you will come to the right conclusions. You know what he was attempting to produce. You know exactly what he was producing with the images from the hidden camera.

Jack Rockett? Are we talking about red herrings here or what? Look at the documents. Yes, it may have been purchased by Jack Rockett. But where did it ship? Read the whole document. It shipped to Steven Douglas Rockett on 179th Place in Aloha, Oregon. That's where the computer went. Where it come from? It didn't come from Oregon. Dell doesn't make any computers in Oregon.

Possession of child pornography. Folks, listening to the arguments today, I'm reminded by this great quote from

Mark Twain. "Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please." Maybe that's not the best thing you want to tell jurors who are going to go in there and deliberate. But, folks, we are not afraid of you finding the facts in this case. We are encouraging you to look at the evidence in this case. Look at all the evidence in this case. Look at it dispassionately. Do not look at it in anger. Do not look at it in disgust. Look at it critically.

We will talk about your feelings and your emotions here in a moment, because those are part of the human condition. Your job, as jurors, is different today and through your deliberation process. You're still human beings, but you have to understand how to process this evidence.

Defendant's arguments in this case. He talks about proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Respectfully, folks, I am going to trust Judge Simon to tell us what beyond a reasonable doubt is and what the standards are there. Common sense and reason -- not unreasonable doubts. We trust you with this evidence. We trust you with the disclosures. We trust you to evaluate these witnesses, these kids who came here to testify, to tell you their story.

Look at the law. The lawyers' arguments in this case, probably thankfully at this point, are not evidence. Evidence is what was received, what was testified to, the descriptions provided.

What the defendant through his lawyer says, what we know, what we know, what we know. Look at your notes, if you took any. How many times did they say that in their closing argument? "What we know." That's is for you to decide. The Government is going to trust you to do that here. The lawyers' opinions are not evidence. The lawyers' beliefs and arguments are not evidence.

"Spare-no-expense prosecution." We have already spoken to that. Yes, it's a complex case. It's a fusion of multiple different law enforcement investigations coming together to work together to try and find these victims, these kids -- these kids that started on Government's Exhibit 1, complete unknowns to law enforcement, but for Christine Jumoa-as's description to Detective Smith.

Special Agent Biehn went overseas. Lo and behold -these are real people. These are real children. These are
real kids who lined up to get money from the defendant; real
kids in his Facebook account getting things from him. He is
sending them LBC boxes with a catch: Send me pictures.
Special pictures. Private pictures. Only for me pictures. No
shy.

These charges were investigated by competent professionals and were brought where there were violations of the law. The Government is being taken to task for not forcing people from another country to come here and testify.

You heard the testimony of the special agents who went overseas to help these people come to the United States.

You heard about M T , who ran away with his mother chasing after him. "No, no. You need to do this." You can't force that. Nor can we be held accountable for that missing evidence, that piece of Charis Jumoa-as and H J and say that you didn't hear from them, so you have to discredit all of that evidence. Folks, come on.

You heard about Charis, her relationship to

Christine, that this family is all binding together behind the

defendant. That's where the real community pressure is in this

case. It is to support the defendant in that barangay where he

is a rock star.

"The Government's case is filled with evidence that is designed to make you dislike the defendant." Folks, that evidence is to show the defendant's intent. That evidence is to show that he has demonstrated sexual interest in children. Taken by themselves, the Facebook messages could have a completely innocent explanation.

When those Facebook messages are tied to the camera, hidden inside an alarm clock placed in the bathroom, with a camera, with a DVR placed -- the DVR in your master bedroom, hooked up to the TV set, with a remote control, wired into the bathroom, triggered, turned on to record constantly, not in motion capture, but a constant recordation when the children

are using the bathroom. That's who we're talking about here.

That's this guy. That's the defendant. That's Steven Rockett.

That's what he is interested in. That's the significance of this evidence.

The defendant has made several arguments through the course of this case. This is my summary, my distillation, if you will, of those arguments:

The Government's witnesses are lying because they were bribed.

The Government's witnesses are lying because they were pressured.

The Government's digital evidence is garbage, fished out of the trash of his computers, the unallocated space, the deleted files.

The images and recordings discovered and sought by the defendant are legal images. There was lots of back and forth about what's not clear when you are not wearing clothes if you are not naked. Remember that? Okay. Let's simplify all the negatives. Let's call it what it is.

The argument is all these things, this camera, the ones wired into the bathrooms -- it's little -- a pinhole camera through the drywall. That's what was placed inside that house. That's what was used to capture "legal images" of kids in the defendant's Forest Grove house.

Remember, look at those images. Look at what the

content is of those recordings from the Forest Grove house. Watch carefully how the defendant interacts with the kids in those images. He places the towel or floor mat right where he wants the kids to stand. He places the towels on the far opposite end of the bathroom in front of the vanity, in front of the mirror, where they would have to stand, wet, as they got out of the shower in that Forest Grove house. They'd walk all the way across, right in front of the mirror, in full view of that camera mounted on the wall behind them just to get a towel to dry off, ensuring they are naked.

You see his hand on this device or a device similar to it -- fair enough -- adjusting it, pointing it, aiming it right at the shower, knowing that the kids are about to go in there.

And let's not forget: The Government's timeline is wrong.

Taking each of these in turn, but remembering that the duties of the jury is to not engage in guesswork, conjecture, and speculation. That's one of the instructions that Judge Simon read to you.

The Government bribed witnesses. That's argument No.

1. Hang on a second. Do you remember how this all started?

The FBI had to go over and find them. They didn't know who these kids were. They weren't coming to us looking for handouts. Most of these witnesses refused to travel to

Portland. You heard Special Agent Biehn talk about the number of witnesses that she had to talk to in that short period of time that she was in Barangay Luz and Cebu. You heard how she split her team in half so they could double their efforts in talking to all of these witnesses to try to figure out what happened. What was their contact? What happened to these people when they met with the defendant to document these incidents and disclosures of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation?

These folks were all paid the same as any other witness. They were compensated for their time and the inconvenience of having to spend time with the FBI agents trucking around the Philippines trying to get all that documentations in order, about that complicated bureaucratic process that you heard about that Agent Gordon and Agent Prowell testified about.

You heard the suggestion here about the salary disparity between what it costs for a witness here in Portland and what that means to someone in Philippines, and that is now a greater incentive for them to come and testify. Folks, we pay them the same. We pay them what it costs to come here and stay here and to eat here. That they from a poor country, that shouldn't matter.

You know who knows the circumstances of these folks best? The person who picked them, the defendant. He knows

they are poor. He knows where they are from. He knows how hard it is going to be for the Government to get all the way over there and find them. The compensation was never conditioned on what they were to say.

What they testified to had already been reported well before anything was ever said to them about compensation. They already disclosed their interactions with the defendant. It had already been documented. That was in October of 2014. Special Agent Gordon didn't talk to them until nearly a year later about getting them to the United States and what would it take and how the Government would help them come here to tell their story to hold the defendant accountable.

Argument No. 2: The Government pressured witnesses. In fact, it is the very opposite. The community pressures in this case are actually to get these folks not to testify. You heard them talk about their concerns going back to the barangay, where people learned that they testified in this case against the defendant. The community supports the defendant. They are outliers. Everybody else said, "FBI, no thanks. I don't want to come to Portland," except for these four brave kids.

The defendant was providing the gifts, the money for the pictures. The incentives present were for them not to cooperate, because if they did cooperate, then they could continue to get the money, the gifts, the presents, the LBC

boxes from the defendant.

They came here at great risk to their personal safety. You heard the testimony from Special Agent Prowell about the trip to Claveria, about how they were there, and how they had to evacuate this terrorist-infested island making it out from a terrorist island on a two-person boat, under cover of darkness, five people on a kayak for two hours with one little outboard motor to power them from one island to the next, and yet this child's mother did that.

That's commitment, folks. That's commitment to see justice. They risked social ostracization through the process and at any step in the process they could have said, "No thanks." They could have run away just, like Mahal Tan did.

No one forced them to come. No one forced them to say anything but the truth. And you heard that testimony. What was the most important thing that you were told in your meetings with the Government: Tell the truth.

Argument No. 3. The Government's evidence is garbage, the digital evidence, except you heard the testimony of Mr. Hanada and of Mr. Lazenby. They only found the evidence where the defendant put it. They recovered what they could. This was a disciplined computer user who took great efforts to conceal what he was doing on the computer. Did he get sloppy in the 24 hours before the police executed the search warrant on the home? Yes. Yes, he did. He didn't run his

East-TecEraser. He didn't TOR browse. He didn't encrypt everything. Had he done that, it would be a very different case. But the evidence is what it is. There is not an agenda by these computer experts. They found it where they found it.

The defendant was the only person who used these computers in this manner. You heard the testimony of his mother, his two children, and his ex-wife. The ex-wife is the person they are saying had the ax to grind to get him and set him up, right. Did she look like she was a sophisticated computer user? Did she look like she was competent to hack his Facebook account and stage nefarious online child pornography solicitations? No way. She wasn't that sophisticated.

and Communication. Now, we are talking about three years ago. They were much younger, for starters. Did they look like they were sophisticated enough to use the computer with all those encryption keys? They testified to you. They told you, no, they never used that. Maybe

Jewes used WinRAR, but he wasn't sure. I showed him the picture of the desktop. No, he didn't use any of those programs.

And lastly, Mrs. Rockett, the defendant's mother,

Grace Rockett. She did not appear to be a sophisticated

computer user. Those were the defendant's computer. They were

in his office. He used them. They are trying to argue to you

and suggest to you that, hey, who would look at child

pornography in the office with the door propped open? It is what it is.

I'm sure you will note when you look at the photographs of the scene the direction in which the office screens were pointed. They were pointed directly opposite of the doorway. No one could come in or out of that office without the person who is using the computer knowing it, giving them plenty of time to minimize any sort of images or activity on the computer that you didn't want other people to find out about.

The defendant was the most sophisticated computer user in the home. He was the only one who used many of the program on the desktop. The defendant aimed the cameras in this case in a direction, in a manner so that they would deliberately capture images of naked children.

Look at the evidence. It is what it is. They weren't staged. Mike Hanada didn't plant this stuff. He recovered what he recovered. So did Justin Lazenby.

The defendant went to great lengths to hide his activities. These are hidden cameras. These are not nanny cams. Play School, Graco, they don't make this bad boy. This is made surreptitiously, after-market, concealed right in there. Completely innocuous. Trained investigators searching the defendant's house walked right past the pinhole camera in the bathroom not knowing it was there. Nanny cams?

File-wiping software, East-TecEraser, disk cleaners, encryption -- these were the tools the defendant used to hide his activities. He hid these cameras from the people he was recording. He hid the evidence of those recordations from his friends, from his family members. He tried to hide it from law enforcement, from the Government.

Remember now, what photos do we know, with proof positive certainty, that the defendant took? The ones in the shower, right? The ones where he is receiving the oral sex from J O . We know this because we see him with the camera, wiping the lens off with the towel, taking the pictures, aiming it down. We know that those pictures were taken.

Where are those pictures? You can't speculate as to what is inside the encryption. You can draw inferences from the circumstantial evidence in this case. We know that those pictures were taken. We know that the Government could not find them. We know that the Government could not access portions of his hard drive. An entire drive was encrypted. It is reasonable to infer from that that the defendant hid those pictures inside the encrypted vault so the Government couldn't find them.

And about these pictures, they are consistent with the scene from the 2007 stay that J testified to in the Park Lane Hotel. Look at the pictures: The door on the left,

the towel rack in the center image, where the camera is relative to the shower, the lighting, the scene, the colorization. It is the same. If it is 2007, June 16.

From those facts you can infer the defendant was conscious of the fact that those images were contraband. He is conscious of his guilt, and he is deliberately hiding that evidence. We know he took the pictures. We can't find them. What else do we know about those pictures? We know quite a bit.

The defendant's argument No. 4. These images are legal. Judge for yourselves. You alone are the conscience of the community in this process. If you are persuaded that these images are lawful, that they are fine, that it is okay to hide bathroom cameras and record images of children showering, if you're okay with those images contained in the OOpreviews file, those ten images that you looked at yesterday -- that's your job.

If you're not okay with those, if you find that those images are the lascivious, if you find that those images are lascivious to the defendant, because, remember, that's another consideration -- to the viewer. Who is the viewer?

Steven Rockett. What else do we know about the things that he likes? He likes naked people in the shower.

Are they lewd, lustful, filled with, or showing

sexual desire? He chose the location of these images. He chose the camera angle. He chose the heighth of the camera and the locations, and these were chosen carefully and calculated so that he could capture images of children naked in the shower. These images were taken covertly. Why would one go to these efforts to hide lawful conduct? It shows consciousness of quilt, again, folks.

What is the defendant sexually attracted to? Ask if yourselves these questions during your deliberations. It is part of the process. If you're asking yourself what the defendant is sexually attracted to, don't forget the 2013 conviction. That demonstrates that he has a sexual interest in children. That demonstrates, not only certain children, but a particular child, the one he was carrying the Facebook conversations with asking for "front and back; no shy."

You are going to hear and you probably are going to read these two yourselves, and you have got them in your jury instructions. These are the lasciviousness factors that I think counsel read to you. I'm not going to read them again. I understand it is getting late here for lunch, so I am going to wrap it up here pretty guickly.

But this is what we're talking about. These are the things you need to discuss for deliberations when you weigh in and evaluate the merit of the Government's assertions. Are these lascivious? Are they calculated to promote a sexual

response in the defendant?

Put that into context. What images was he soliciting from Merce ? Now, I don't have a screenshot of it, but when you get back into your deliberations and you look at Exhibit 3, the conversations with Merce . On the right-hand side, there is a list of fields. This was the evidence that was received from Facebook from the defendant's Facebook account. The different fields indicate the recipient, the author, sent, deleted, and by. Where you find "deleted" is true. The body of the message, the content of the message, isn't there.

Defendant's response, "Because it seems as soon as you think I not send package to you, you stop chatting with me." And it continues. And that's when they start talking about pictures. "Okay. I not send pictures. Okay. You block me." There is some conversation going on about pictures before that.

Now, put that together with Government's Exhibit
No. 4. See, this doesn't happen when you thin slice the

evidence the way that Mr. Coit has argued to you that you should. If you consider the other messages that are documented, in his conversations with Charis and the dates and times of those messages with Charis where he is asserting to Charis that M wants to take pictures with H those correspond with the dates and times with the deleted messages on M saccount.

How else would he know that Manager wants to take naked pictures with Hamman in April and May of 2013? He knows that because in these deleted messages with Manager that you have documentation, that's what they were discussing.

Consider the evidence together. Don't thin slice it.

You are going to see these messages. I'm not going to read them to you. Take a look. Write it down.

May 13, 2013, they are talking about sending pictures with M.G.

Here the testimony about that being Charis' daughter. Christine knows who her sister's daughter is, and it is Here the testimony. And she is a child.

We see the messages that the defendant is sending and receiving about photos with M.G. to Charis. Consider the evidence in total. Look at the similarities between the contents in those messages and the contents in his messages to NEE. Look at NEE 's CARES tape. Look at the demeanor of that kid. Is she making this up? Because clearly that's what

they want you to believe -- she is a big fat liar. She made up this story about Steven Rockett, but it doesn't take into when you put that together with Jennifer Wheeler's testimony about delayed disclosure.

Take into Jennifer Wheeler's testimony about delayed disclosure with respect to the witnesses from the Philippines. It is understandable at that point, ladies and gentlemen, that these kids don't want to talk about this stuff. Who here wants to come and talk to a roomful of strangers and talk about the most intimate details of their private sexual life? That would be an incredibly difficult thing for an adult to do, much less a child, a child who is brought halfway around the world to speak to a roomful of strangers in a language that they only kind of understand.

Put the evidence together. Recall Jennifer Wheeler's testimony. Put that within the context of all the other evidence. It provides information for you to help process the other testimony that you received in this case.

D.S. and B.S., Decom and Bernard. You saw these images. If these are legal, why was the camera hidden in the wall? They came off of his computer. They were edited on his computer using the Pinnacle software, the movie-editing software that's in evidence in this case.

And Jackson . If she saw the defendant in 2007, she was under 18. If she saw him in 2010, she was under 18. They

want you to believe that these pictures and videos here with her brother, J H , in the bathroom with the pink shower, they want you to believe that was in 2013. They need you to believe that that was in 2013.

Look at her physical characteristics. Compare it to what you see in the pictures. Put that in context with the people who know J best -- her sister, her brother -- who looked at those sanitized images that were shown to J and shown to her during this trial and their estimations of age. All the estimations were she is under 18.

Those of you with siblings -- think about that. If somebody shows you a picture of your brother or sister at a given age, would you know exactly what age they are from a picture that's taken from the childhood, and you have no idea of the context of the setting, where and when and who else was present? You wouldn't know. But you could tell generally how old they were -- middle school, high school, elementary school. You could gauge that. And they did. And they did their best.

The Government's timeline is wrong. You will have this in evidence. You will be able to look at this and scrutinize it closely. Hopefully this will provide some helpful insights to you in putting together the bigger picture when these travels took place and when the evidence fits within each of those periods of travel.

But their assertion that the Government's timeline is

wrong is absolutely rebutted by the testimony of J. D. If you believe that J. D. was truthful in this trial, your verdict here is going to be pretty quick, because he sets the stage for everything. He remembers specifically one and only one encounter with Steven Rockett, when he saw that movie.

Think for a moment, if you will, back to your own childhood. Do you remember the very first movie that you saw? Do you remember all the plot lines, twists, and all the details, who was with you, what you were wearing, what you ate, what you ordered? No. You remember an emotional time. You remember the feelings associated with that. He remembers the very first time he went to the movies, because he got to go with the rock star from Cebu City. He remembers that.

He also remembers what happened afterward. And what happened afterward frightened him to such a degree that he never went back to see Steven Rockett. He knew where it happened. He knew what his age was. He knew what movie he had seen just prior. That movie was in 2007.

The defendant stayed at the Park Lane in 2007. The independent records establish that. He was only there one time with the defendant. He remembers the movie, the 2007 movie, Dark Is Rising.

If the pictures of J recovered from the

Dream Machine camera were from the 2007 trip, she was 15. If

they were 2010 -- because he went there in January, and she

turned 18 in July. They forgot -- for as thin as they try to slice the Government's evidence, they forgot bit of testimony. Do you remember the text file that Mike Hanada testified about? The birthdays text file that was recovered from the defendant's computer, it had James 's birthday listed on that list, July 1992. When he visited her in 2010, she was under 18. They need you to speculate that the dates on this camera were accurate at the time these pictures from who knows where were taken.

The warehouse photos. It is an office. It is something. They couldn't say it wasn't Synopsys where the defendant worked. They have no idea who is depicted, when they were taken, what they are taken of. It is a pure guess, exactly the type of thing that Judge Simon is going to tell you: Don't do that. Don't speculate. Don't guess.

They need you to believe that the Dream Machine was set correctly in 2008 and that the battery died on the internal clock and reset to January of 2000, and the defendant needs you to ignore another piece of evidence. You didn't hear him talk about that. What was the last access date on those files. The last access date was 2010.

So it stands to reason if you have got pictures from your trip -- maybe it is not a trip to the Philippines to sexually exploit children. Maybe it is just a nice trip with your family on your camera. You come home after the trip, you

take the card out, you put it on the computer, you download the computer files off of the SD card, and do what with those images on the SD card? Because you've probably filled the card up on your trip, and you want to recycle that card, because they are expensive. You delete them. And you delete them after you get home from your trip to the Philippines in 2010. That's what that shows.

Justin Lazenby would not guess about that. Despite how hard they pressed him in cross-examination. He had a theory. Maybe, it is possible. But, folks, anything is possible. What his testimony was that he didn't know. He didn't test it for that. He didn't test it to run the battery down and restart it and see what it did. He didn't know how to set the clock on that. The Government's own geek squad expert doesn't know how to set the clock on that thing.

Don't forget -- you have heard us say this throughout this trial. The "then and now" evidence. This message between the defendant and this "Hermes photog." via Flickr,

"Steven Rockett has invited you to see then and now set on

Flickr." The response from Hermes photog. was, "Wow. Hot,

even cropped. My private e-mail is" -- and "by the way, do you know a program called TrueCrypt. If not, it is free and simple to use and might be beneficial to download."

The "then and now" evidence. That's not the only place you've heard about "then and now" evidence. You heard

about "then and now" evidence about the photos, the thumbnails that were recovered from the defendant's Thunderbird e-mail cache. He was given an e-mail to send to in that message from Flickr, and there are other photos that have "then and now" associated with them.

Folks, understanding this "then and now" dynamic is the key to this case. It explains why the defendant wanted pictures -- recent pictures of N naked. It explains also how the defendant tells Charis that he wants to see how the children's bodies change over time; that he wants them naked.

The defendant maintained relationships with these children for a period of years, by sending them LBC boxes and communicating with them on an ongoing basis over Facebook. You heard about the folder on his computer, the folder entitled "Begging," where he is keeping screenshots of other children asking for things.

That evidence is important. That is a list of potential victims. That's his to-do list. He is continuing to exploit them by sending birthday gifts, money, and the "begging" folder.

Look at the defendant's Flickr chat history, where they discuss the "then and now" pictures. You have them in evidence, and I'm not going to show them to you. Once is enough. But the "then and now" photographs, the small Filipino children then and now.

This evidence demonstrates, not only his criminal activities and his intent, but it tells you why he is doing it -- then and now. He did all those things then. He took photos of those kids, with hidden cameras, and sometimes overtly with other cameras.

We have seen pictures of him taking pictures of children. We have seen hidden cameras of him taking videos of children, videos where he has carefully staged and directed the children. We see the video from the Forest Grove bathroom, where he directs the small boy with the blond hair: Stand over there, come over here, with his gestures.

You see him and you remember the pictures of

Jee in that bathroom. Remember how that video started.

Do you remember? The big white American taking this small child, this 11, 12-year-old boy, manhandling him by the arm, sticking him in the shower, putting his hand in front of his groin, indicating that he needs to take his shorts off. That's how that picture started. That's what Jee describes.

That's what he remembers.

Counsel says, "Hey, wait a second. The oral sex, the sexual contact, that's not depicted on this video. That's around the corner." Right, it is not on the video. The last thing you see on that video -- one of the last things you see on that video is you see the defendant come back into the screen from the left to the right.

around himself. He takes the towel away from the child. The child is standing there -- cold, wet, and naked. The defendant puts the towel on top of the camera.

Remember, what do we know about this camera? It is motion-activated. Images of oral sex weren't captured on this camera. It is covered with the towel, the towel the defendant took from the defendant and put on the device.

The last thing you see is going off to the right, off to the right where J says he was molested "on the cubicle" were his words for the toilet. Then there is motion for the camera, as J specific putting his clothes back on, and it begins to record.

That's the evidence. Those are the facts.

Jose 's testimony; he remembers this. I say if you believe Jose Description, your verdict is easy. These are the things that nightmares are made of. You heard his words. You heard the testimony. You heard the testimony, not only from Joseph about his experiences with the defendant, but you heard about the nightmares that Normal had about her experiences with him as well.

Then and now. Now is the time for justice.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Maloney.

Members of the jury, if you will pick up the final jury instructions that we passed out to you, go to page 21. I am going to pick up with instruction No. 30.

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